at this time being \$625. The Commonwealth Bank last year increased its capital stock from \$200, 000 to \$300,000, so that with its semi annual dividend of 3 per cent., its dividend payment at this time is increased

from \$6,000 to \$5,000.

The Main Street Bank has increased its capital during the year from \$97,250 to \$123,450, making an increase in its dividend of \$524.

Most Prosperous Year

The president of one of the larger banks stated yesterday that the checks to be mailed this year would constitute the largest single dividend ever paid out by Richmond banking institutions. The total announced to date exceeds the bank dividend of January 1, 1911, by \$23,346.50, and exceeds the bank dividend on January 1, 1910, by \$53,334.50.

CELERY AND LETT-UCE.

Ill have on sale to-day 100 dozen celery and lettuce. This is extra y stock. Also fish, oysters, poultry Eame, the very best quality.

BULL'S NEW MARKET, 316-320 North First Street,

Cor. First and Marshall Streets.

MASONS WILL CELEBRATE

Made to Orphans' Home

Children Cry





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respondence Course.

Athevine, N. C. December 24.—Much necrest is being shown here in the nnouncement of the Adjuant-Gene-al of this State that others of the

# FREE ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY ECZEMA

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Officers of North Carolina Na- New Traffic Conditions Make Old Paving Unsatisfactory.

TESTS BEING MADE HERE

The particulary of any of the larger products of the particular of

the residence streets, both in East and West Ends. There are 1...les of streets fully built up with homes, but on which the land values hardly justify the asphalt block paving at \$4,000 a block in the present state of the city's finances. Gravel is largely used in the outlying sections, and does fairly well where traffic is light, but in winter weather and under heavy traffic conditions, it affords anything but satisweather and under heavy trains condi-tions, it affords anything but satis-factory conditions. Motor cars, with their grinding back wheels, cut through macadam almost as though it had been plowed, and Richmond's ex-periments with oil have not been alto-gether satisfactory. In the parks, where traffic is light, the oiled roads hald well, but under heavy traffic conwhere traffic is light, the oiled roads hold well, but under heavy traffic conditions oiling has simply resulted, as a member of the Street Committee recently stated, in changing the color of the mud. An experiment is now being made on Fifth Street, between Main and Franklin with a macadam street with a bitumen binder, which, it is claimed, will withstand the wear of motor cars and heavy traffic, and at of motor cars and heavy traffic, and a the same time present a fairly smooth, noiseless and dustless surface. The cost of that block is about \$1,800, and if it proves successful, it is believed

### IN MEMORIAM

CHAISA—In remembrance of my dear mother, MARY CHAISA, died twelve years ago to-day, December 25, 1899, "Gene, but not forgotten." By her daughter, MKS "V.O. RANDLETT.

ELLIS-In and but loving remembrance of our dear mother, MARTHA A. EL-LIS, who departed this life nine years ago to-day, December 24, 1992.

In the quietness of the graveyard, Where the flowers gently wave, Lies the one we love so dearly, In the cold and silent grave.

ilow we miss you, our dear mother; Yes, we miss you everywhere, As around our lonely fireside We still see your empty chair.

Mother, how our hearts are aching; For your tace no more we see, And without your loving presence It's no more like home to us. BY HER CHILDREN.

DICKMAN—In sad but loving remem-brance of my dear wife, JOSEPHINE BASS DICKMAN, who departed this life one year ago to-day, December 25, 1910. O think how she suffered and moan-ed with pain. The long night hours as we soothed

her in vain;
Till God in His mercy sent down
from above.
An angel whispered a message of BY HER HUSBAND AND CHILD.



We announce for to-morrow a sale including every garment in the house--

The Season's Smartest Suits, Coats, Dresses, Gowns, Wraps, Costumes, Trimmed and Untrimmed

Millinery---AT SAVINGS OF About 1-2

Now comes the greatest sale of all—one that you will admit has never been equaled in the height of the season—OUR ENTIRE ASSORTMENT OF RICH APPAREL—NEW, ATTRACTIVE MERCHANDISE—OPEN TO YOUR SELECTION AT SAVINGS OF ABOUT

No matter what kind of garment you may prefer, it can be found here. All the newest models and most fashionable materials, in every wanted color, shade or pattern. None are reserved.



1-2 Off on all Gowns and Evening Wraps, Party and Afternoon Dresses without exception values up to \$125.00, at One-Half.

All \$15, \$17.50 and \$20 | Fine \$28.50, \$30, \$32.50 and

Reduced to 10.00

The newest polos, plaid backs and two-tone mixtures go on

New \$22.50, \$25 and \$27.50

Reduced to 15.75 Scotch tweeds, wide wales, plaid backs, broadcloths,

Velours, cloth caraculs, diago-nals, imported broadcloths,plain and fancy.

Dreyfus Quality Suits at Telling Reductions \$22.50, \$25.00 and \$27.50 Suits. 14.75

\$35 Coats

Reduced to 19.75 Imported black and navy broadcloths, sealettes, velours,

\$37.50, \$40 and \$45.00

Reduced to 25.00

diagonal serges, etc.,

\$15.00, \$17.50 and \$20.00 Suits. 10.00 & Smart men's wear worsteds, broadcloths and novelties; plain and fancies.

\$36.50, \$39.50 and \$45.00 Suits. 25.00

50 Imported Novelty Suits Worth Up to \$75.00

The smartest models shown this season-velvets, cordurous, chiffon broadcloths, some plaintailored, others dashingly trimmed with braids; only one of each-

At Savings of 1-2 to 1-3

Charming Velvet and Corduroy Dresses, \$25.00 values, including reduced to ........... 14.75

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serges, mannish worsteds, diagonals; all

\$30.00, \$32.50 and \$35.00 Suits. 19.75

colors and white.

On the Bargain Table
The prettiest \$2.00 Crepe Kimonos, mag-

\$7.50, \$8.75 & \$10 Skirts

Splendidly tailored garments of fine voiles, serges, corduroys, worsteds and mixtures. A 

\$2.50 Toilets Set Splendid quality, case complete, with brush and comb, mirror, tollet creme box, tooth brush bottle, tooth powder bottle and soap box,
To-day Only, \$1.89

will be used in many sections of the city.

Sheet Asphalt Not Successful.

Richmond has grown so rapidly and its building operations have been so extensive in the last few years that it has been impossible to keep any pavement down long, so that the City Engineer's office has not had favorable results with its experiments in gheet of any kind the patches never seem of any kind the patches never seem of any kind the patches never seem of use and give a smoother driving the inline internal injuries. The funeral take place Christmas Day from the last body from the survise baying can be replaced at exact grade. As soon as the new budget tunds are available the Committee on Streets was born and reared in this city. Hor husband, who died many years aso, was Dr. E. F. H. Wise, of Cape Charles, and here for experiments along a demand here for experiments along a sphalt and similar preparations. New York Cffy for coating old cobble stone paving with a smooth top dress-stone paving with a smooth top d demand here for experiments along a line now being conducted in upper New York CHy for coating old cobble stone paving with a smooth top dress-ing of hot tar or bitumen, to prevent dust and give a smoother driving surface. OBITUARY

Mrs. Virginia A. Wise.
Charlottesville, Va., December 24,—
Mrs. Virginia A. Wise, aged seventysix, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. French A. Baithis, on East Jefferson Street. She hadbeen in feeble health for the past year, and on Thursday night last fell backward down a flight of stairs, sus-

## DEATHS

HUGHES-Died, of scarlet fever, Sunday, December 21, 1911, at 1 o'clock P. M. at the residence of his parents, 1428 Beverty Street, MARVIN, only child of Charles J. and Kate Hughes, aged seventeen months.

BEMISS.—Died, at the residence of his parents, in Richmond, Sunday night, December 21, JOHN WILLIAMS BEMISS, son of E. Lockert Bemiss and Cyane Williams Bemiss, in the seventeenth year of his age.

Notice of funeral will be published later.

New Orleans papers please copy.

Mulcare, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Florence DeWitt. of Figsboro. Hunter Watson.

Charlottesville, Va., December 24.— A telegram received here announces the sudden death, in Wilmington, N. C., of Hunter Watson, youngest son of John D. Watson, one of the best-known residents of Charlottesville. The cause of death was heart fallure, due to rheumatism. Mr. Watson was educated at the private school of the late Major Horace Jones and at the University of Virginia. For the past four years he had been in the car service department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. The body will reach here at noon to-morrow and the funeral will take place at 3 o'clock from the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Watson is survived by his father, two brothers, Norris and Lewis Watson, and one sister, Mrs. George E. Walker, of this olty.

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